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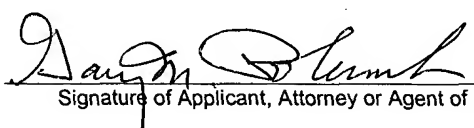
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1. Reissue Patent Application Transmittal;
2. Reissue Application Fee Transmittal Form;
3. Application Data Sheet;
4. Specification, Claims and Drawings of U.S. Patent No. 6,422,288;
5. Six (6) drawing sheets;
6. Preliminary Amendment, including new claims 24-34;
7. Statement of Status and Support For All Changes to the Claims (37 CFR 1.173(c));
8. Reissue Application Declaration by the Inventor (unexecuted);
9. Reissue Application: Consent of Assignee; Statement of Non-Assignment;
10. Reissue Application Declaration by Assignee;
11. Consent of Assignee With Offer to Surrender;
12. Submission Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 and 3.73(b) and Power of Attorney by Assignee;
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**STATEMENT OF STATUS AND SUPPORT FOR ALL CHANGES  
TO THE CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.173(c))**

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In the reissue application filed concurrently herewith, the status of the claims and support for the claim changes are as follows:

Claims 1-23 are the original claims in U.S. Patent No. 6,422,288, from which reissue is sought, and those claims remain unchanged and are currently pending.

Claims 24-34 are currently pending new claims being filed concurrently herewith in addition to claims 1-23 from the patent, and are currently pending. Support for these new claims can be found in Column 10, line 65 to Column 11, line 8 of the patent.

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